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1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 July 2a) This action is FINAL . 2b) This 3) Since this application is in condition for alloward closed in accordance with the practice under E	action is non-final. nce except for formal matters, pro		
Disposition of Claims			
4) ⊠ Claim(s) 1-6,9-12 and 14-17 is/are pending in t 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,9-12,14-17 are subject to restriction	vn from consideration.		
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DETAILED ACTION

The Examiner of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to the contact information listed at the end of this document.

Response to Amendment

Applicant's remarks and amendments on 7/17/07 in response to the first action on the merits (1/24/07) is acknowledged. Claims 7-8,13 have been cancelled. Claims 1,9,12,14-15 have been amended. Claims 1-6,9-12,14-17 are under consideration.

In the amendment received 7/17/07 the cancelled claims have been rewritten. According to 37 CFR 1.211(c), a cancelled claim does not need to be rewritten although the status of the claim should be indicated.

Election/Restrictions

Section 808.01 of the MPEP states:

If applicant presents species claims to more than one patentably distinct species of the invention after an Office action on only generic claims, with no restriction requirement, the Office may require the applicant to elect a single species for examination.

Due to the amended claim set, an election of species requirement has been deemed appropriate. It is noted that according to 37 CFR 1.142(a) a restriction requirement can be made at any time before final action.

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This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

Chlorotoxin derivative: SEQ IDs NO:1-8,13 and portions and combinations thereof as recited in claim 1,9,14 and dependent claims. It is noted that due to overlapping sequences if either SEQ ID NO:2,3or 4 is elected SEQ ID NO:1 will be incorporated into the search. Applicant should elect a single species such that are variable groups are defined.

Chemotherapeutic agent: as recited, for example, in claims 6,11.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after

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the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the species to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

The species are recited in claims 1,6,9,11,14 and dependent claims.

The following claim(s) are generic: 1,9,14.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

Section 1850 of the MPEP states:

The situation involving the so-called Markush practice wherein a single claim defines alternatives (chemical or non-chemical) is also governed by PCT Rule 13.2. In this special situation, the requirement of a technical interrelationship and the same or corresponding special technical features as defined in PCT Rule 13.2, shall be considered to be met when the alternatives are of a similar nature.

When the Markush grouping is for alternatives of chemical compounds, they shall be regarded as being of a similar nature where the following criteria are fulfilled:

- (A) All alternatives have a common property or activity; and
- (B)(1) A common structure is present, i.e., a significant structural element is shared by all of the alternatives; or
- (B)(2) In cases where the common structure cannot be the unifying criteria, all alternatives belong to a recognized class of chemical compounds in the art to which the invention pertains.

In paragraph (B)(1), above, the words "significant structural element is shared by all of the alternatives" refer to cases where the compounds share a common chemical structure which occupies a large portion of their structures, or in case the compounds have in common only a small portion of their structures, the commonly shared structure constitutes a structurally distinctive portion in view of existing prior art, and the common structure is essential to the common property or activity. The structural element may be a single component or a combination of individual components linked together. In paragraph (B)(2), above, the words "recognized class of chemical compounds" mean that there is an expectation from the knowledge in the art that members of the class will behave in the same way in the context of the claimed invention. In other words, each member could be substituted one for the other, with the expectation that the same intended result would be achieved.

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In the instant case, the method requires that the chlorotoxin compounds have the same activity/function (ability to bind cancer cells) satisfying requirement (A). However, the claim fails to satisfy either (B)(1) or (B)(2). The compounds do not share a common structure, as the compounds include different amino acids at the N-terminus (SEQ ID NOs:2-4), or are variants which do not share a structurally distinctive portion (SEQ ID NOs:5-8,13) with the exception of SEQ ID NOs:2-4 relation to SEQ ID NO:1 as noted above. Further, the alternatives, such as portions or combinations thereof, would not be expected to behave in the same manner. Similarly, the chemotherapeutic agents do not all share a common structure and all of the alternatives would not be expected to behave in the same manner. Thus, the claim fails to meet the requirement of (B)(1) and (B)(2).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald T. Niebauer whose telephone number is 571-270-3059.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-5:00pm, alt. Friday, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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